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REMARKS

The Examiner has maintained the rejections of pending claims 11-31 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Marchal and the combination of Marchal and Su. The Examiner comments that the Response of June 7, 2005 states, but that independent claims 11 and 27 fail to recite, a covering layer that covers the entire surface, such as disclosed on the bottom paragraph of page 8 of the application. Accordingly, the arguments fail to overcome the rejection over Marchal.

To further rely on the limitations related to the covering layer, Applicant has amended claims 11 and 27 to include the limitations of Claim 20 (where Claim 27 recites appropriate method steps) as well as the recitations that the covering layer covers the entire top surface of the backing layer. Such recitations are inapposite with Marchal's desirability of providing a covering that does not cover the entire surface of the backing layer but rather contains, for example, perforations or is arranged in spaced apart strips. Accordingly, Applicant requests the determination that the rejections have been overcome. *In re Royka*, 490 F.2d 981, 180 U.S.P.Q. 580 (CCPA 1974) (a prima face case of obviousness is established only where the combination of cited references teaches or suggests each limitation in the claim).

Applicant respectfully requests a two month extension of time for responding to the Office Action. The fee of \$225.00 for the extension is provided

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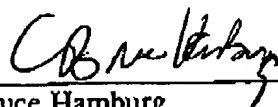
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In light of the foregoing, the application is now believed to be in proper form for allowance of all claims and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.


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